

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **New Outdoor Recreation Leadership and Facilities Grants available**

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department received legislative approval for a new grant program to assist in the development of local recreation programs and outdoor recreation facilities.

“Up to \$100,000 is available to provide assistance for developing new recreation programs and about \$140,000 is available each year for the next two years to assist in construction of outdoor recreation facilities,” According to Doug Prchal, director of the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department.

Applications for the **Outdoor Recreation Leadership and Facilities Grant Program** are available Sept. 1, 2009, and must be submitted by Nov. 1, 2009. Applications can be acquired at [www.parkrec.nd.gov](http://www.parkrec.nd.gov) or by calling the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department at 701-328-5357.

“Funding for the recreation leadership component of the program is geared at communities with a population of 13,000 or less and will be distributed over the three year assistance period.” says Arik Spencer, recreation division manager.

The Recreation Leadership grant requires a local commitment of 25 percent the first year, 50 percent the second and 75 percent the third and final year after which the community is 100 percent responsible. The Outdoor Recreation Facilities grant is available to political subdivisions throughout North Dakota, and requires a 50 percent local match.

“This new program marks a milestone as a first time state funded outdoor recreation grant supported by Governor Hoeven in the executive budget and legislature approval to specifically set aside funds for this purpose” Prchal says.

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department and North Dakota Recreation and Park Association worked together to seek funding for ND’s Outdoor Recreation Leadership and Facilities Grant Program during the 2009 legislative session. For more information, go to [www.parkrec.nd.gov](http://www.parkrec.nd.gov) or contact Jessica Riepl, Recreation Grants Coordinator, at 701-328-5364 or [jriepl@nd.gov](mailto:jriepl@nd.gov).